

Spectacle Pond

SANDWICH

91 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

SPECTACLE POND (Sandwich)

General Information:

This 91-acre natural kettlehole pond (really two attached kettleholes) has an average depth of 19 feet and a maximum depth of 43 feet. Transparency is excellent, extending to 22 feet, and submergent aquatic vegetation is common. The shoreline is wooded and lightly developed. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble, with some areas of gravel.

Access is provided by a gravel ramp on the southwestern end of the pond, suitable for launching car top boats and canoes. To reach the site, take Route 6 from the Sagamore Bridge to Exit 2 (Route 130). Take Route 130 south, travel a few miles, and take a left onto Sandwich-Cotuit Road. Take a left onto Quaker Meetinghouse Road, and finally a right onto Pinkham Road. The access is at the end of a dirt road on the left (the first left after the entrance to Camp Hayward).

This pond was reclaimed in 1957 and recovery operations showed white suckers, brown bullheads and yellow perch had dominated it. It was reclaimed again in 1961. In 1973 it was treated with 80 tons of agricultural limestone to counteract high acidity. Adult smallmouth bass were stocked in 1979.

Fish Populations:

There have been no recent fisheries surveys conducted at this pond, but it probably contains brown bullhead, golden shiner, banded killifish and perhaps smallmouth bass in addition to stocked trout.

Fishing:

This pond is stocked every year, spring and fall, with brook, brown and rainbow trout. It is primarily a put-and-take trout fishery, although some trout, particularly browns, may be holding over through the summer. Fish the usual assortment of small spoons and spinners, streamers, or baits such as worms and scented doughballs. During late spring and summer, the northern basin will produce the most action, but during the spring and fall stocking seasons both basins are equally productive.